

Welcome

BACK TO SCHOOL

September 2025

DEAR OQUIRRH FAMILIES,

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We are incredibly excited to embark on this journey of learning and growth with your child. We are going to have a lot of fun this year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11th
Food Bank

September 19th:
Birthday Table - Sept. Birthdays

September 25th:
School Picture Day
PTA Fun Run 5:30 – 7:30pm

September 26th:
No School

October 1st:
Boo to the Flu 4:00 – 8:00pm

October 1st-2nd:
Parent Teacher Conferences

October 3rd:
No School

A SAFETY REMINDER

We welcome parents at our school and want you to feel like a vital part of our school community. However, in the interest of student safety, all visitors entering the building **MUST** stop in the office first and get a visitor badge. This includes anyone entering the cafeteria during breakfast hours. You must have valid ID and show it at the office each time you visit the school in order for us to make sure we are only allowing adults in the building who are authorized to be here and have access to students. We also need ID every time you come to check your child out of school. So please don't leave it in your car, or home even if you have been in the office before!

REMINDERS

Our School-wide Rules are:

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful and Kind

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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A Message from the Principal

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a nice summer break and came back to school excited and ready to learn. We love our Oquirrh community and are happy to be back living our purpose as a school-- partnering with our families to help our students learn, grow, and succeed.

Many parents ask what they can do to help their children do their best in school. The number one thing you can do is get them to school every day that they are healthy enough to be here. Attendance matters. School attendance is a growing problem across the nation, and we are not immune here at Oquirrh! Missing 10% of the school year, as little as 20 days, or 2 days a month (which is the threshold for what is considered chronic absenteeism) can cause difficulties in learning grade level content and decreases opportunities for learning success. In recent years, this has been the case for almost a third of our students. Kids who miss a lot of school also miss out on social opportunities that are so crucial to their development. And of course, we miss them when they aren't here, and we love to see their smiling faces every day.

We love doing fun things for kids to both motivate them, and celebrate their successes, so here are some things we are implementing this year:

- Classes with perfect attendance will receive a small prize each day all students in their class are present.
- Each week the grade level who has the highest percentage of students present for the week wins a trophy to display for the following week. This will be tracked on a giant poster we have on the wall outside our office. Come check it out!
- Starting with September, we have monthly brag tags for kids who have 90% or better attendance for the month
- We will hold quarterly activities and random drawings for kids who meet the threshold
- We will provide resources to provide support for kids and families who are struggling with chronic absenteeism
- We will send Monthly messages for families about attendance in our school newsletter

We hope these incentives and resources will keep attendance present in the minds of our students and their families, while allowing some leeway for illness, family vacations, and other obstacles that may come along from time to time. Please know we are here to support you and offer help when it is needed. If you need support, please reach out! We are off to a strong start but we want to keep the momentum going!

As a reminder, please notify the office when you need to excuse your child from school. If you are going on vacation and will miss multiple days, there is a form you can fill out. Families requesting student work must give the teacher at least one week's notice to put some things together, but also know that much of what students do at school is difficult to duplicate at home, and everything they miss may not all be reflected in what is sent home.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing your kids here at school this year! Next month we will share about the Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports(PBIS) that we have in place to help our school be safe, and our kids be respectful, responsible and kind!